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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition for Declaratory Ruling That AT&T's Phone -to-Phone IP Telephony Services Are Exempt from Access Charges, WC Docket No. 02-361

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Verizon Communications, on March 18, 2004 I communicated with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein regarding the above-referenced petition.

I mentioned to Commissioner Adelstein that, because the Commission's rules have required that access charges apply when local exchange switching facilities are used to originate or terminate interstate interexchange voice traffic, the petition should be denied. In addition, I discussed Commission precedents that might be relevant to the pending petition.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kevin G. Curtin".

Kevin G. Curtin